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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeal from the final rejection dated November 17, 2004, of non-allowed claims 1-15.

1. (x) An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was requested on May 17, 2005 for three (3) month(s).
2. (x) A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.

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